

The best way for me to make informed decisions is to have news and information from a variety of sources representing several points of view. Since my role as a citizen demands informed decisions, it's essential that this diversity be protected and that nothing be done to threaten it.

This diversity is protected under current law, which prohibits anyone from owning both a TV station and a newspaper in the same market. It seems obvious that to weaken this protection would threaten the diversity on which I depend and thus compromise the quality of decisions affecting not only my personal life but my participation in our political life.

I urge you to maintain the current law and to reject the idea that consolidation of ownership can have anything but negative effects on the diversity and choice afforded the consumer of news and information. In following such a course, I believe you will be fulfilling the FCC's primary responsibility, which is to the citizens rather than to the owners of media.